



**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission's
The Public Broadband Access Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

The Public Broadband Access Working Group (PBAWG) held a meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 hosted by the City Planning and Community Investment Department, located at 600 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Subcommittee Members Present: Martha Dennis, Luis Avila, and Tyler Orion. City Staff: Steve Lastomirsky, Deputy City Attorney; Toni Dillon and Tina Hines Economic Development Division; Members of Public: Marc Palumbo, Socal Freenet. Peter Pardee, Hughes Network Systems.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Peter Pardee, Vice President of Hughes Network Systems stated that he has been appointed to the California Broadband Task Force. This Task Force was created through the Governor's Executive Order S-21-06 on October 27, 2006. The Task Force has been charged with following responsibilities: 1) to convene public and private stakeholders to remove barriers to broadband access; 2) to identify opportunities for increased broadband adoption; 3) to enable the creation and deployment of new advanced communication technologies.

In addition Mr. Pardee stated that the Task Force has been asked to prepare a preliminary and a comprehensive report. Ninety days from the date of Governor's Executive Order, the California Broadband Task Force will prepare a preliminary report to the Office of the Governor. This preliminary report will identify administrative actions that can result in the promotion of broadband access and usage within the state. Within one year from the date of the Executive Order, the task force will prepare a comprehensive report. The comprehensive report will provide recommendations on how California can take advantage of opportunities and eliminate any related barriers to broadband access and usage.
- III. **APPROVAL MINUTES FOR:** September 18, 2006 and October 16, 2006 meetings.
(MOTION/SECOND/Dennis/Avila/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE NAME CHANGE.** The Public WiFi Working Group has been renamed the Public Broadband Access Working Group.
- V. **PUBLIC WIRELESS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**
 - A. Business models of other cities: During the discussion it was noted that the Philadelphia model was a part of an Economic Development Strategy. Additionally it was noted that the technology community was engaged in the San Francisco model. There was consensus that an ideal business model for San Diego would: 1) provide low cost broadband access to the user; 2) would not create additional costs for the City of San Diego; 3) could potentially generate revenue for the City of San Diego. The PBAWG will continue its discussion and exploration of business models implemented by other cities.
 - B. Outreach to Stakeholders: The PBAWG decided to convene meetings with representatives from the following organizations: 1) Convention and Visitors Bureau; 2) San Diego City Schools; 3) San Diego Futures Foundation; 4) San Diego Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee; 5) City Office of Small Business; 6) Heads on Fire; 7) Community Technology Coalition; 8) Access San Diego; 9) Subcommittee for Removal of Access Barriers (SCRAB). The purpose of these meetings will be to gain insight about the benefits of and requirements for public broadband for various constituencies in San Diego. The PBAWG is compiling a list of benefits and a list of requirements for each category of constituent.
- VI. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

A. Agenda Topics: The PBAWG decided that agendas for upcoming meetings will focus on dialogue with representatives from stakeholder organizations.

B. Meeting dates for January, February, March, and April 2007: The PBAWG scheduled meetings for January 17th, February 14th, March 14th, and April 11th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business the Subcommittee adjourned.

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Motion by:	Orion	Revisions Prepared:
Board Vote:	Orion/Dennis/Unanimous	

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